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# AKHTYRKA MRBM COMPLEX, USSR FIXED FIELD SITE



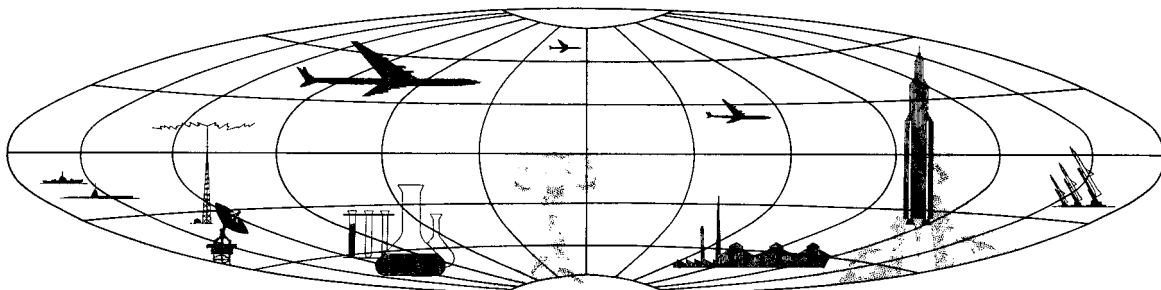
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## AKHTYRKA MRBM COMPLEX, USSR

### FIXED FIELD SITE

Launch Area No 1 (TDI name: Akhtyrka MRBM Launch Site 1) -- Type II 50-15-45N 34-50-15E

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Launch Area No 2 (TDI name: Akhtyrka MRBM Launch Site 2) -- Type II 50-22-00N 34-57-15E

Akhtyrka Fixed Field MRBM Site (TDI name: Akhtyrka SSM Fixed Field Position) 50-19-30N 34-51-30E

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This report supplements NPIC/R-125/63, 1/ which discusses the Akhtyrka MRBM Complex, previously consisting of 2 Type II MRBM launch areas and a rail-to-road transfer point.

The Akhtyrka Fixed Field MRBM Site is located in a sloping, wooded area, at an elevation of approximately 350 feet, 2 nautical miles (nm) northwest of Akhtyrka in the Ukrainian SSR (Figure 1). The site was first observed [redacted] at which time the road pattern and 1 small

clearing were discernible. The site cannot be negated. When next observed [redacted]

[redacted] the road pattern and clearing were still evident, plus a few small, additional clearings. Snow cover precluded a more detailed interpretation. [redacted]

[redacted] the site was observed and identified as a fixed field site. It now consisted of 4 launch positions, situated on a series of loop roads. The site also appeared active, as each launch position contained an

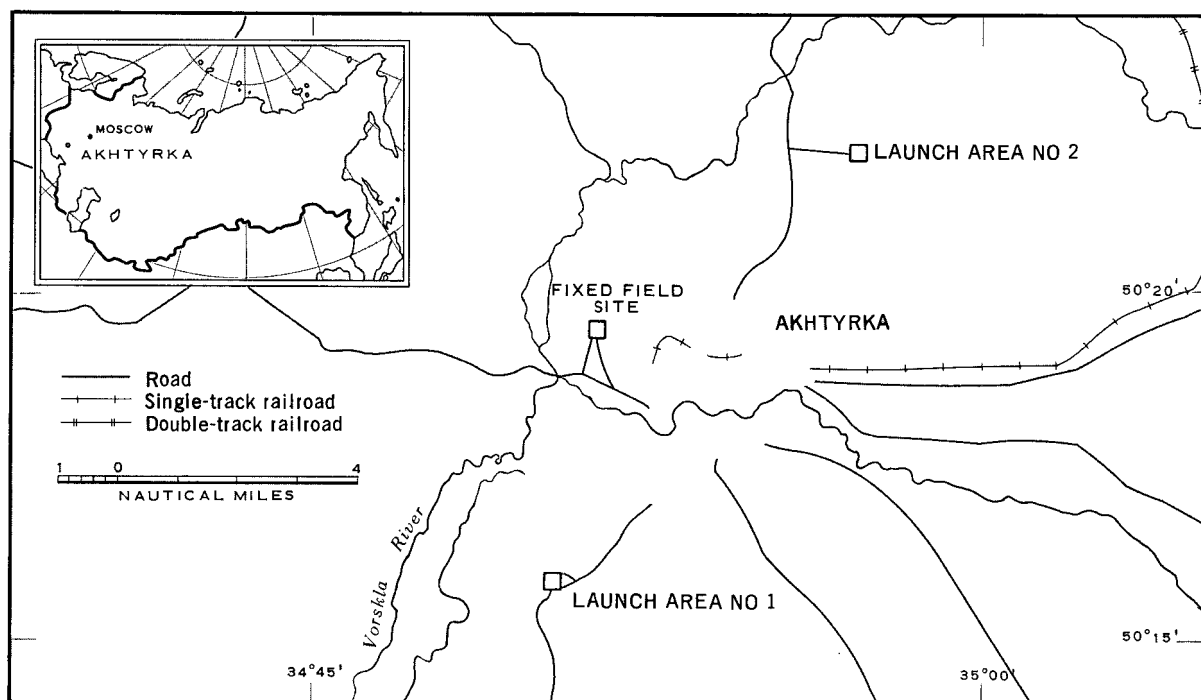


FIGURE 1. AKHTYRKA MRBM COMPLEX, USSR.

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erector-like object. Erectors were visible on the pads at Launch Area No 2 at that time. Launch Area No 1 was not covered. The site was next covered [REDACTED]

but because of poor image quality and cloud cover a detailed interpretation was not possible.

Launch Areas No 1 and 2 were first observed and identified [REDACTED] Launch Area No 2 was considered complete [REDACTED] and Launch Area No 1 was considered complete [REDACTED] The fixed field site is 3.9 nm north-northeast of Launch Area No 1 and 4.4 nm southwest of Launch Area No 2. The complex probably uses the rail facilities at Akhtyrka as a rail-to-road transfer point. The 2 launch areas and the field site are connected to Akhtyrka and to each other by a good, probably all-weather,

road system.

The field site (Figure 2) is situated adjacent to several roads of the local road network, from which a series of roads branches off to form loops serving the 4 launch positions. The positions are in echelon on an east-west line 835 feet long, with separations [REDACTED] between positions. The launch positions, starting with the westernmost, measure [REDACTED] respectively. The erector-like objects noted at the site [REDACTED] are the only activity noted at the site. In a large clearing 1,170 feet west of the center of the site, possible construction or earth-moving is discernible. The approximate azimuth of the 4 launch positions is 140 degrees, which coincides with the azimuths of Launch Areas No 1 and 2. No security fence is evident around the site.

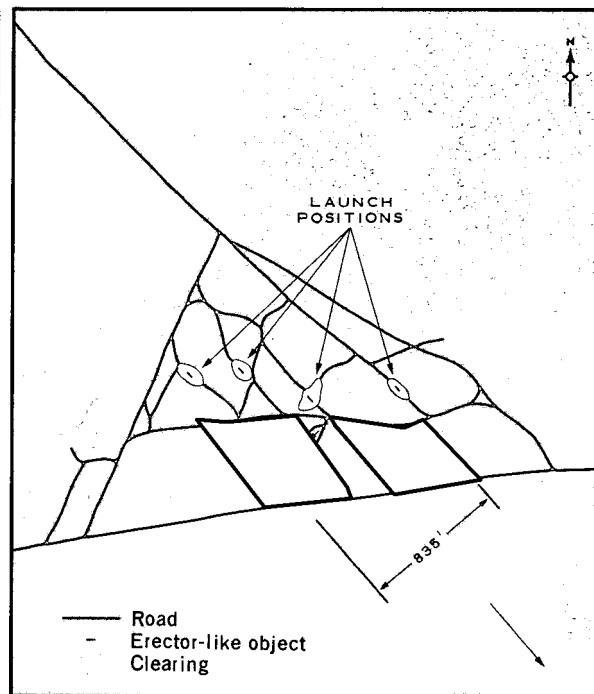
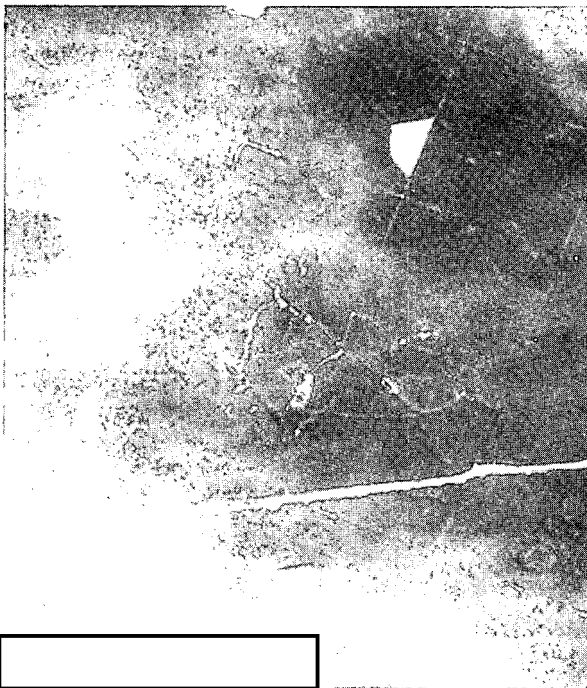


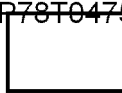
FIGURE 2. AKHTYRKA FIXED FIELD MRBM SITE.

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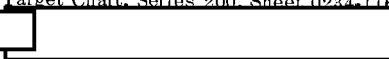
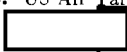
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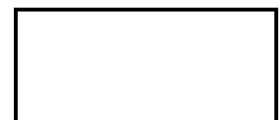
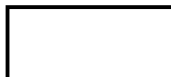
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